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ABIDJAN FOR LTC FOULDS; LAGOS FOR MAJ KIMENIS

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TAGS: MASS TO

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR CANCELLATION OF ORIENTATION TOUR FOR CPT WALLA

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION OF A SELF-EXPLANATORY
LETTER RECEIVED THIS MORNING FROM PRESIDENT EYADEMA.

QUOTE MR AMBASSADOR:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE INTERVENE
WITH THE AMERICAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES FOR THE PURPOSE
OF HAVING CAPTAIN WALLA AKAWILU SIZING RETURN TO EUROPE.
IN EFFECT, THIS OFFICER WAS DESIGNATED A LONG TIME
AGO FOR A TRAINING PROGRAM AS PARACHUTE OFFICER INSTRUCTOR
WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE IN FRANCE STARTING JANUARY 2,
1978. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT HE REPORTS AT THE
APPROPRIATE TIME TO PARIS IN ORDER NOT TO LOSE THE
BENEFIT OF THIS TRAINING. HIS DESIGNATION FOR THE
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UNITED STATES WAS DECIDED WHEN WE THOUGHT THAT COURSE
WOULD TERMINATE AT THE END OF DECEMBER 1977.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE EXCUSE THIS
MISUNDERSTANDING IMPOSED BY THE CALENDARS, AND I WOULD
REQUEST YOU TO INFORM CAPTIAN WALLA THAT HE MUST
PRESENT HIMSELF TO DISTRICT DE TRANSIT DE PARIS
(CASERNE REUILLY-METRO:-REUILLY-DIDEROT) AT THE LATEST

ON JANUARY 3, 1978.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR AMBASSADOR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY
HIGH CONSIDERATION.

SIGNED: EYADEMA END QUOTE

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH TOGOLESE AUTHORITIES HAVE KNOWN
SINCE LAST AUGUST THAT THE PROGRAM FOR CPT WALLA INCLUDED
THE FOLLOW-ON ORIENTATION TOUR IN JANUARY 1978, I SEE NO
OTHER COURSE OF ACTION THAN TO ACCEPT PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S
REQUEST WITH GOOD GRACE. PLEASE CONTACT THE NECESSARY
AUTHORITIES TO ARRANGE FOR CPT WALLA'S TRAVEL TO PARIS
BEFORE JANUARY 3. PLEASE INFORM LOME AS SOON AS CPT
WALLA HAS BEEN CONTACTED ABOUT THIS CHANGE IN PLANS SO THAT
I CAN REPLY PROMPTLY TO EYADEMA. YOUNG

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